WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

KVIC Employment Plan for Rural Areas

4. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission have chalked out any plan at district level in the States to provide employment in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely number of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has proposed a strategy for the 8-th plan which has to be implemented through the State Khadi and Village Industries Boards, registered institutions and co-operative with the support and assistance of the State Governments and the Commission.

96 Village Industries are to be taken up for intensive development under this programme. These include many traditional industries like agro processing, fruit and vegetable processing, hand made paper and new industries like electronics and gem and diamond cutting and polishing.

The thrust of these programmes is to provide a larger share of employment to SCs/STs, women and other weaker sections of the society. At present the share of SCs/STs is 30 per cent and that of women nearly 46 per cent amongst the beneficiaries. About 87 per cent employment activities under KVIC are confined to rural areas.

According to the strategy proposed for the next Plan period (1992-97), it is proposed to expand employment, mainly in the rural areas, from the existing 47 lakh persons, in the country, to 70 lakh persons.

[English]

Allocation of Distributing Agencies for Chemicals and Fertilizers

*5. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any priority is given to cooperative societies while allocating agencies for distribution of various fertilisers and chemicals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The fertiliser manufacturing units in the cooperative sector like Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBCO) distribute the bulk of the fertiliser produced by them through the cooperative societies.

The fertiliser manufacturing units in the public and private sectors distribute fertilizers through a network of private trade and also through the cooperative and other institutional agencies operating in States. The distribution margin allowed to the cooperative societies has been fixed at a higher level to encourage the sale of fertilisers through the operative institutions. Moreover, the recently introduced subsidy scheme of fertiliser for the small and marginal farmers is being operated by several State through the cooperative institutions. The State have accordingly been given flexibility in enhancing the distribution of fertilisers through the cooperative agencies.

The chemicals are distributed through a

variety of channels including private trade, cooperatives, other institutional agencies as also direct sale to consumers as appropriate.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Plots in Rohini

*6. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered persons who have been allotted plots so far under the Rohini Residential Scheme;

(b) the time by which the remaining registered persons in the waiting list are likely to be allotted plots;

(c) the price at which these plots were sold to the allotted persons and the sale price fixed for those in the waiting list;

(d) the reasons for fixing different sale prices for persons registered under the scheme; and

(e) the remedial measures, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT- SHRI M.ARUNACHALAM): (a) 41,176 registrants have been allotted plots under the Rohini Residential Scheme so far.

(b) Subject to availability of water, municipal services and land, all the registrants are expected to be covered by 1994-95.

(c) The rates at which plots have been allotted in various draws held so far as given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. The price to be charged for those in the waiting list has not been fixed so far.

(d) The rates for allotment of plots to the registrants under Rohini Residential Scheme have been revised from time to time due to enhanced cost of acquisition and the increase in the cost of development.

(e) Does not arise.